



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **DECEMBER 10, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hal
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and unanimously carried, the minutes of December 3, 2008, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montañó informed the Commission that she received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Los Angeles Police Department for 40 years of civilian service on December 4, 2008 and then reported on the following two (2) articles:

- “Abuse Case Confuses Many”, Daily Breeze, December 7, 2008, regarding, a couple who repeatedly used a baseball bat, knife and a belt to abuse a boy who was kept in chains.
- “Detective Describes Teen’s Alleged Captivity, Torture”, Los Angeles Times, December 9, 2008, regarding, a boy who was regularly hit on the head with a baseball bat and cut with a knife.

TREASURER’S REPORT

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

There was none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM DECEMBER 3, 2008, TO DECEMBER 9, 2008

Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on December 4, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Entry gate needs to be repaired; transportation gate is broken and gates are not secured; LAPD needs to be contacted for parking enforcement; Sally Port and parking area needs covering.

Casa Editha Foundation – 6, #4 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on December 5, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Norwalk Branch Courthouse – Commissioners Montaña and Hammargren

The facility was visited on December 8, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Downey Courthouse – Commissioners Bacio and Hammargren

The facility was visited on December 9, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Graffiti on inside of cell door; lights are out in the Sally Port area; refrigerator is not working.

East Los Angeles Sheriff Station – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on December 9, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Needs an additional Custody Assistant to work overlap shifts.

Michelle Travis Inc. – 38, #3 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on December 9, 2008, and no one was home.

Moore’s Cottage – 39, #1 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on December 9, 2008, and no one was home.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division